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FOR O'NEILL, EB/TD

E.O. 11652: NA
TAGS: ETEL, ITU
SUBJECT: ITU: TELECOM 79

1. IN VIEW OF PROBLEMS WHICH HAVE DEVELOPED BETWEEN
EIA AND USITA CONCERNING SPONSORSHIP OF U.S. PAVILLION
AT TELECOM 79, US.. REP TO ITU, O'NEILL, AND TELATT
MET ON JUNE 3 WITH SYG MILI, PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR
FONTAINE AND PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER IN CHARGE OF TELECOM
79 WOLTER IN SYG'S OFFICE TO DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT. AT
END OF MEETING, IT WAS AGREED THAT UPON HIS RETURN TO
WASHINGTON, O'NEILL WOULD ATTEMPT TO FIND SOLUTION TO
PROBLEM AND THAT IN MEANTIME, ITU WOULD "LAY LOW",
NOT CONTACT EITHER OF THE U.S. PROSPECTIVE SPONSORS,
OR, IF U.S. PARTIES ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT, ITU WOULD
REPORT MATTER TO EB/TD VIA MISSION AND HOLD OFF REPLY
UNTIL ADVISED BY DEPARTMENT.

2. ON AFTERNOON JUNE 15, WOLTER ADVISED TELATT THAT
FOLLOWING TELEX DATED JUNE 13 ADDRESSED TO WOLTER HAD
BEEN RECEIVED FROM JOHN SODOLSKI, VICE PRESIDENT,
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COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION, EIA:

"WE HAVE BEEN EXPECTING THE CONTRACT FOR THE
SPACE RESERVED FOR THE AMERICAN PAVILLION AT
TELECOM 79. IS IT EN ROUTE? CAN WE EXPECT IT IN
THE NEAR FUTURE? IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR IF
THE MATTER NEEDS DISCUSSION, PLEASE GIVE ME A CALL."

3. WOLTER ASKED MISSION TO INFORM WASHINGTON AND ADVISE ON SUGGESTED RESPONSE. HE SAID HE WOULD SEND COPY OF EIA TELEX TO MISSION FOLLOWING MORNING.

4. ON MORNING OF JUNE 16, TELATT RECEIVED APOLOGETIC CALL FROM FONTAINE, ADVISING THAT CONTRARY TO AGREEMENT WITH O'NEILL, MILI HAD PERSONALLY DRAFTED FOLLOWING RESPONSE TO SODOLSKI AND INSISTED IT BE SENT OUT IMMEDIATELY:

"REFERENCE YOUR TELEX OF 13 JUNE. APPRECIATE YOUR INTEREST AND COOPERATION IN TELECOM 79 MATTERS. CONTRACT BEING PREPARED. WILL BE SENT TO YOU SOON. REGARDS, MILI, SEC. GEN."

5. SEVERAL HOURS LATER, WOLTER CALLED TELATT TO INFORM HIM THAT HE HAD JUST GOTTEN TELEPHONE CALL FROM SODOLSKI, WHO HAD RECEIVED MILI'S CABLE, ASKING WHAT HOLDUP WAS ALL ABOUT. WOLTER SAID THAT MATTER WAS BEING EXAMINED AND THAT IT WOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR SEVERAL MORE WEEKS. WOLTER THEN MENTIONED USITA INTEREST AND SODOLSKI TOLD HIM EIA WAS IN ALMOST DAILY CONTACT WITH USITA AND THAT MATTERS WERE PROGRESSING SATISFACTORILY.

6. WOLTER APOLOGIZED PROFUSELY FOR FOREGOING ACTIONS AND SAID THAT ALTHOUGH HE REMINDED MILI OF O'NEILL'S SUGGESTION, MILI INSISTED THAT SOME SORT OF RESPONSE HAD TO GO OUT. THEN MILI SENT THE REPLY OUT HIMSELF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WITHOUT CLEARANCE BY OR EVEN PRIOR NOTIFICATION TO FONTAINE OR WOLTER OF ITS CONTENTS.

7. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST COURSE OF ACTION MISSION SHOULD PURSUE ON THIS MATTER.SORENSEN

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